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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GKR PSYWAR OPERATIONS - JUNE/JULY

1. THE POLITICAL WARFARE DIRECTORATE (DGGP) OF FANK CONTINUES TO STRUGGLE ALONG WITH THEIR RENEWED PSUCHOLOGICAL CAMPAIGN. THEY CONTINUE TO BE HAMPERED BY LACK OF AIRCRAFT SUPPORT, PAPER, AND OTHER SUPPLIES. FANK NOW DEPENDS LARGELY ON BIG SHOW SUPPORT FOR THEIR PRINTING, AND LEAFLET DROPS. THE DGGP NOW ALSO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOUNTING A NEW RECRUITING CAMPAIGN. ADDING TO THEIR WOES IS THE FEAR OF LOSING U. S. AIRCRAFT SUPPORT FOR LEAFLET DROPS AFTER 15 AUGUST. ON THE BRIGHT SIDE, A NEW FANK RADIO CHANNEL WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER USING THE DONATED U.S. NAVY SURPLUS RADIO, AND THE FIRST MOBILE PSYOPS TEAM HAS BEEN SENT TO THE COMBAT FRONT.

2. FANK PRINTING OPERATIONS: IN JUNE AND JULY, FANK OUTPUT OF PSYWAR PRINTED MATERIALS CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL, RESULTING IN THEIR TURNING MORE TO BIG SHOW SUPPORT. FANK DID MANAGE TO REPAIR THE TWO HARRIS-DIEBOLD PRESSES

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BY FABRICATING PARTS LOCALLY BUT THE LACK OF PAPER

CHEMICALS, INK, AND OTHER SUPPLIES PREVENTS THEM FROM COMMENCING PRODUCTION. DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS AND LEAFLETS IN PHNOM PENH CONTINUES TO BE EFFECTIVE BUT TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS HAVE SLOWED DISTRIBUTION IN THE PROVINCES. THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED IN JUNE/JULY:

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DATE	TYPE OF MATERIAL	QUANTITY	AREA	DISTRIBUTION
6-14	K-16 POSTERS	10,000	PHNOM PENH	SURFACE
6-14	K-17 THRU K-20 LEAFLETS	100,000	ROUTES 2&3	AIR DROP
			TAKEO TO PHNOM PENH	
6-20	K-21 THRU 23 POSTERS	10,000	PHNOM PENH	SURFACE
6-20	K-20 LEAFLET	100,000	SAANG, SIEMREAP	AIRDROP
			TOTUNG-BEKOHAN	
7-12	K-20 - K-25 LEAFLETS	100,000	ROUTE 3	AIR DROP
			FROM TAKEO TO KOMPOT	
7-12	POLITICAL TRACT #27	500	ALL FANK UNITS	SURFACE
7-2	POLITICAL TRACE #26	500	ALL FANK UNITS	SURFACE
7-3	BUDDHIST WAR BROCHURE	1300	ALL FANK UNITS	SURFACE
7-5	K-21 THRU K-23 POSTERS	24,000	PHNOM PENH	SURFACE
7-19	K-27, K-26 POSTERS	5,000	ALL FANK UNITS	SURFACE
7-19	K-17, K-20 LEAFLETS	2,000 LBS	RT 3 BETWEEN TAKEO & KOMPOT	AIR DROP
7-18	K-27, K-26 POSTERS	4,000	PHNOM PENH	SURFACE

3. GOC SUPPORT: THE 60 POLWAR OFFICERS STUDYING IN TAIPEI WILL RETURN ON JULY 26. NO NEW CLASSES ARE PRESENTLY SCHEDULED.

4. USG SUPPORT: BIG SHOW SUPPORT FOR FANK WAS AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH WITH 30 REQUESTS BEING PROCESSED IN THE TWO SECRET

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MONTH PERIOD AS WELL AS INCREASED LEAFLET DROPS BY U.S. AIRCRAFT. THIS LATTER SUPPORT AFTER AUGUST 15 AWAITS CLARIFICATION. JCS DECISION WAS REACHED IN DECLARING SURPLUS THE U.S. NAVY RADIO AT KOMPONG SOM. THIS RADIO

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WILL BE TRANSFERRED O/A SEPTEMBER 1 WHEN IT WILL BE MOVED TO PHNOM PENH TO ESTABLISH A SEPARATE FANK RADIO CHANNEL RUN BY THE DGGP. AS OF AUGUST 1, FSO DAVID CARPENTER WILL ASSUME EMBASSY RESPONSIBILITY AS PSYOPS/POLWAR ACTION OFFICER, POL/MIL SECTION.

5. FANK RECRUITING CAMPAIGN: THE DGGP HAS BEEN TASKED WITH PROVIDING PUBLICITY FOR THE NEW FANK RECRUITING CAMPAIGN ON A FIRST PRIORITY BASIS. BIG SHOW ASSETS WILL PRINT THE RECRUITING POSTERS AND LEAFLETS. FANK WILL ALSO USE RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS TO PUBLICIZE RECRUITING. ON JULY 20 FANK DEVOTED TWO HOURS TO RECRUITING-RELATED PROGRAMS ON PHNOM PENH TELEVISION WHICH INCLUDED POP SINGERS, A MIME ACT, AND A ONE-HOUR RECRUITING MELODRAMA. PRESIDENT LON NOL HAS TAKEN AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN FANK'S FRIDAY EVENING TV PROGRAMS WITH REGULAR CALLS TO COL. AM RONG, CHIEF, 2D POL BUREAU, THE FOLLOWING MORNING ON SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES.

6. FANK MOBILE PSYOPS TEAMS: PER REFTTEL B, EMBASSY OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT THE DGGP FORM AND DEPLOY MOBILE
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PSYOPS TEAMS. AFTER EIGHT MONTHS, THE FIRST TEAM WAS DEPLOYED ON JULY 23 ON THE ROUTE 3 FRONT. THIS TEAM CONSISTS OF A JEEP WITH 3 ENLISTED MEN AND A MOUNTED LOUD-SPEAKER SYSTEM. THEY HAVE A TWO-FOLD MISSION OF PROPAGANDIZING THE ENEMY ACROSS THE FRONT LINES AND PASSING OUT POLITICAL LITERATURE AND LECTURING FANK TROOPS. TO STIMULATE INTEREST, THEY TAKE ALONG LIBERAL AMOUNTS OF CIGARETTES AND CANNED SARDINES TO DISTRIBUTE AMONG THE SOLDIERS. FOUR ADDITIONAL TEAMS ARE PLANNED.

7. ENEMY PSYOPS LEAFLET: HAND-WRITTEN KHMER INSURGENT LEAFLETS HAVE SHOWN UP DURING THE RECENT ROUTE 6 ENEMY OFFENSIVE. THE TEXT OF ONE FOUND NEAR SKOUN ON JULY 7 READ: (EGIN TEXT): A LETTER OF APPEAL. (I) YOU ARE ALL NOW LIVING IN HOLES LIKE RATS. THEREFORE, YOU ALL SHOULD AWAKE AND LEAVE THE TRAITORIOUS GROUP OF LON NOL. DO NOT SERVE THE TRAITORIOUS GROUP ANY LONGER. MOREOVER YOU SHOULD SEE THAT ALL OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS WHO ARE ON THE PORTION BETWEEN SKOUN AND SPEAN DEK (STEEL BRIDGE) ARE BEING ENCIRCLED AND SWEEPED. (II) FOR THOSE BROTHERS, OFFICERS, AND SOLDIERS ON THE PORTION BETWEEN SKOUN AND KOMPONG CHAM, IF THEY DO NOT LEAVE THE "LINE" ONE DAY THEY WILL BE KILLED. ANYONE WHO LEAVES WILL STAY ALIVE AND ANYONE WHO STAYS WILL BE KILLED. FOR THOSE WHO DESERT THE "LINE" THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR WEAPONS TO BE GIVEN TO THE "ANGKOR" (FRONT) AND THE "ANGKOR" WILL ASSIST THEM IN ALL MATTERS. WRITTEN IN THE LIBERATED ZONE ON 7-5-73. (SIGNATURE) FIELD COMMANDING COMMITTEE (END TEXT).

8. INDICATOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTIVENESS: YIM SA PHAT, A KC POLITICAL ADVISOR TO PLATOON 37, DISTRICT 70, SECTION 3 KC MR 506 RALLIED ON 6 JUNE 1973 AT KHNACH ROMEAS. RALLIER WAS 29 YEARS OLD, BORN IN SAMRONG TONG VILLAGE, KAMPONG SPEU PROVINCE. HE TOLD INTERROGATORS THAT HE RALLIED BECAUSE HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN THE OPPRESSIVE KC TACTICS AND BECAUSE HE HAD LISTENED TO CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT APPEALS AND READ GKR LEAFLETS DROPPED BY AN AIRPLANE IN HIS AREA.
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